

## Farm Department

A lady, writing for the Farm Journal, tells her way to cure gapes in chickens. She says it is a sure way. It is this: Take a level teaspoonful of London purple and dust the mother hen when the chicks are about ready to creep under her for the night, and let the chicks inhale it. She uses this as soon as she notices the chicks sneezing or gaping.

Retailers of farm equipment are not required to secure licenses, but they must not profiteer, says a statement issued by the United States Department of Agriculture explaining certain features of President Wilson's recent proclamation establishing a licensing system for the farm implement trade.

### Save Cornstalks and Straw.

The burning of cornstalks and allowing straw to rot in piles are very wasteful practice. These materials should be just as carefully conserved and plowed under as stable manure. Cornstalks and straw contain valuable plant food, and on light-colored soils they also have a high value on account of the organic matter they supply. At the present prices, the value of potash alone amounts to from \$4 to \$7 a ton of cornstalks and from \$4 to \$6 in a ton of straw. Straw that is not used for feed or bedding can be used to good advantage as a top dressing for wheat in winter, or it can be disked in and plowed under for corn in the spring.

### Protect the Cows From Flies.

The following will be found most helpful in protecting cows from flies, which means larger milk production and great comfort to the cows: Common soap, one pound; Water, four gallons; crude petroleum, one gallon; powdered naphthalene, four ounces. Cut the soap into thin shavings and dissolve in water by heating; dissolve the naphthalene in the crude oil; mix the solutions, place them in an old dasher churn and mix thoroughly for fifteen minutes. Stir well before using and apply to the cows with a brush once or twice a week. It is claimed that this will repel flies very effectively.

It is now up to the poultry man to grow his own feed for next winter. Prepare for 1918-19 high prices of feed by growing your own corn, oats, barley, buckwheat, beets cabbage, mangels, potatoes, carrots, squash and pumpkins. If you have only a small plot of land, concentrate on winter supplies and things that will keep and will provide heat and energy for the body when winter's blasts come.

The daily newspapers lately carried the following news item, dated from Washington City, and presumably official or semi-official:

It is estimated that at least 3,250,000 hens capable of producing eggs have been saved in New York, Chicago and Boston markets alone since the regulation was put into force on February 23. Weather conditions brought about an earlier hatching and laying period than anticipated, enabling the ban to be raised ten days earlier than the time set.

Do not feed the chicks for the first thirty-six hours. Give them a chance to digest the yolk which they have absorbed in their intestines before hatching. Then feed the chicks five times a day the first two weeks. Feed a little at a time—just what the chicks will eat up clean. Always feed the grain on a clean spot of ground. Feed the soft feeds on clean grass or on a clean board. Give the mother hen a handful of corn each morning so that she will be contented. For the first chicks feed use pinhead or steel-cut oats or oatmeal. Finally cracked corn is the next choice. One or two daily meals of dry bread softened with sweet or sour milk is a fine developing food. Johnnycake can be made from the following recipe: One quart cornmeal, one or two infertile eggs that have been tested out, one teaspoon baking soda, milk to make a stiff batter. Keep the drinking water clean. Much bowel trouble comes from the drinking water having been contaminated by the chicks wading in it or from the food having come in contact with the droppings.—American Poultry Advocate.

### Implements Industry Is Licensed.

A Presidential proclamation signed on May 14th requires government licenses of all persons, except those exempted under the Food Control Act, engaged in importing, manufacturing, storing and selling farm tools, machinery and implements of all descriptions.

The proclamation requires that all persons holding such licenses furnish to the government whenever requested complete information regarding their business and that they must per-

mit government agents to inspect all property, books and records pertaining to their business.

Unjust profits, unnecessary resales, attempt to monopolize, unreasonable increase in price or restriction of supply and willful waste of farm equipment are forbidden. Also the sale of farm equipment to persons who have violated the Food Control Act is forbidden.

A day later a resolution was adopted in the Senate calling for an investigation of the cause of the prevailing high prices for farm implements. The object of the resolution is to reduce prices in case they are found to be unjustified, and, in case they are found to be fair and reasonable, to free the manufacturers and the distributors from the criticism and charges of profiteering which are now being heaped upon them.

### The President Raising Sheep.

A flock of sixteen Shropshire sheep started out the other day to make mutton and wool out of grass on the White House grounds. The president bought them and put them there because he and Mrs. Wilson liked sheep and because they thought the beautiful little spot back of the White House, known as the "President's Park," might be even more than an inspiration in war time.

A fine example.

Will you match the president?

Dr. J. I. Huggins, Dandridge, Tenn., recently purchased from A. A. Armstrong & Son, Carmargo, Ill., the Aberdeen-Angus bull Idolmere by Oakdale Quiet Lad.

### How To Fail At Farming.

Among the several ways to fail at farming, the writer would recommend this as the best he has tried:

First—Never do to-day what you can put off till to-morrow—or even next week.

Second—Always do your loafing to-day, your work to-morrow.

Third—If county court comes on next Monday, attend, by all means, though you had said that you would make a showing at farm work during the week. Court but once a month, and the "boys" will all be there, swapping horses and jokes, and you can't afford to miss it for all that you'd do on the farm.

Fourth—If appearances indicate rain in the morning, don't go afield; you had the grip last winter, and you must not get wet. Go to the village store instead. If it should rain while you are on the way—well, a little rain will not hurt.

Fifth—Work your crops out twice, and—then quit. Some farmers hoe their corn three times, but that's just trouble for nothing. Corn that won't make itself with two workings should just be let go.

Sixth—If the weather gets warm—very warm, I mean—don't try to work; Sunstrokes follow such things, and it's better to take no risks.

Seventh—If the fence is run down, don't bother about repairing it. If the cattle—your cattle, of course—break into the corn they'll get the good of it. Other cattle will hardly come around, or, if they do, have recourse upon their owners.

Eighth—When the weather is bad turn your livestock onto your stacks of feed and let them help themselves.

Ninth—Follow your own inclinations, especially if they lead away from work; it's only the better for the present.

Now, try this plan, and if not efficacious call in the doctor.

FRANK MONROE BEVERLY,  
Dickenson County, Va.

### Wheat Wasted In Threshing.

Don't waste wheat while threshing, and before threshing while handling the bundles in the field and in hauling them to the threshing. Wheat is too precious now to throw away by careless handling. When every farmer who can raise wheat is doing his best in this direction don't undo the good work by scattering the precious grains over the ground and the straw stacks instead of getting them in the sack.

It is estimated that one bushel of grain in every hundred can be saved by having your machine in such shape that no grain goes into the straw stack and that none leaks out onto the ground during threshing. Three-quarters of a bushel in a hundred can be saved by careful handling of the bundles while getting them from the shocks to the threshing or while in stack. Avoid careless handling, and if you carry your bundles in wagons, arrange them so that all shattered grain will be caught and saved. With wheat at \$2.20 a little care is worth while for the sake of your pocket-book as well as for the sake of the boys "over there."

### Save Time In Cultivating Corn.

By the use of a harrow much time can be saved at the first and second

cultivation of corn. Most of the corn land is well prepared and in good condition this year. On such land the ordinary spike tooth harrow is one of the most effective implements known to kill weeds, and it can be used for all cultivation until the corn is five or six inches high.

Killing weeds is the main object in cultivating corn in Missouri. It is also desirable to conserve moisture during dry seasons by forming a dust mulch. The harrow will do both of these.

In using a harrow give the teeth a slight backward slant to avoid injury to the small plants. Either harrow before or a few days after the corn is up. If the plants are just breaking through the ground they are likely to be damaged by the harrow.

The harrow works best on land that is well drained and that dries out quickly after rains. One can go into a field of this kind very soon after a rain and the weeds are then destroyed before they have a chance to get a start. There are few fields in which a harrow will not be effective.

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A process for making a new kind of leather substitute has been developed which bids fair to overcome very largely the leather shortage, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine. A company has already been formed to manufacture the new product, which is made by compressing unwoven cotton. The fiber being in the form of batting or roving as the slightly twisted fibers are called. A substance is obtained that is made of closely interlaced strands and so resembles leather structurally. It also has a toughness comparable with that of high-grade leather.

Machines have already been designed for making shoe laces, belts and straps and only slight changes would be needed to turn out a product several feet wide. The cost of the new substitute is said to be only a fraction of that of leather and it can be embossed and dyed to look like leather of any grain or hue.

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### Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

AUSTRIAN ACE KILLED.

Paris, May 27.—Lieut. Fiss, reputed to be the leading Austrian aviator, has been killed in an aerial battle, according to a dispatch from Berne.

Says a high military authority, "If we had 100 shells for every German gun, and 100 shells for every German shell and our supply of horses gave out, we could not win the war." Motors cannot cross fields soaked with water or travel through ravines and swamps. How shall the world ever pay its debt to the faithful horse?

### PERSIUS WARNS HUNS OF DANGER FROM U. S.

Amsterdam, May 31.—Capt. Persius, naval critic of the Berlin Tagblatt, warns Germany of the danger of underestimating the strength of America in the war. He says:

"If the American military authorities can place in France a sufficient number of troops, the question of submarine warfare will be solved in a manner not at all favorable to Germany."

"Opinions differ on whether the United States can transport all the food and munitions needed for its army, but it is incontestable that the American efforts ought to be taken seriously, for grave danger threatens from that quarter."

"I regret that there should prevail in Germany a tendency to disparage the British fleet. Unless we can greatly accentuate the activities of our U-boats, we shall be faced with two great and powerful dangers—the menace from America and that from an attack on our coasts by the combined enemy naval forces."

### Whooping Cough.

In this disease it is important that the cough be kept loose and expectation easy, which can be done by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. P. H. Martin, Peru, Ind., writes, "My two daughters had whooping cough. I gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it worked like a charm."

### A LITTLE DOG'S GRIEF.

(Elizabeth I. Rice.)  
William King, one of the large grain farmers on the Irvine Ranch, near Santa Anna, California, had a little dog named Friskey that always rode with him on his rounds from his home in Santa Anna to his ranch, fourteen miles from the town.

Mr. King met with an accident and was instantly killed. The grief and confusion were so great that the dog was not noticed until after the funeral, when he was found hunting for his master in and out of the house and out to the barn. After being satisfied that his beloved master was gone, he made the long trip to the ranch and hunted there for him; not finding him he came back home. But no coaxing could get little Friskey to eat. He lingered a few days and then died of a broken heart. Could human love be greater?

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